

A NEW SUBSPECIES OF GROUND DOVE FROM MONA
ISLAND, PORTO RICO.

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Mr. B. S. Bowdish, while collecting for the United States National Museum on Mona Island, Porto Rico, sent in three specimens (two adult males and one adult female) of a ground dove that appear to represent an undescribed form. It may be known as:

COLUMBIGALLINA PASSERINA EXIGUA new subspecies.

Type.—Adult male, Cat. No. 177211, U.S.N.M., Mona Island, Porto Rico, August 10, 1901; B. S. Bowdish. Forehead, lores, sides of face, throat, and a narrow line extending back over the eye light vinaceous; crown, occiput, and cervix cinereous, each feather slightly edged with plumbeous, giving the region a scaly appearance; back, rump, and scapulars smoke gray; upper tail-coverts slightly darker than the back; feathers of jugulum blackish centrally, edged with vinaceous, giving the region a scaly appearance; breast vinaceous; flanks mouse gray; belly whitish; under tail-coverts brownish gray, each feather edged with whitish; tail slate color at base, broadly banded with black and slightly margined at the tip with mouse gray, the outer feather margined with white at the tip; primaries and secondaries rufous, the primaries margined on the outer web and tipped rather broadly with blackish, the rufous decreasing on the secondaries inwardly until it becomes only a basal spot on the inner web; tertials color of the back; primary coverts rufous, broadly tipped with black; greater and lesser coverts mouse gray; median coverts vinaceous; some of the greater and median coverts with steel blue spots on the outer web; lining of wing and a patch on sides rufous. Wing, 77; tail, 50.7; exposed culmen, 10.5; tarsus, 14; middle toe, 13.5 mm.

Female.—Similar to female of *C. p. bahamensis*, but smaller. Wing, 75.5; tail, 53; exposed culmen, 10.5; tarsus, 14.5; middle toe, 13.5 mm.

Remarks.—This form of ground dove needs comparison with no West Indian form known to me, except *C. p. bahamensis* and *C. p.*

perpallida. It differs from the former in its smaller size and much paler coloration both above and below and from the latter in its paler coloration above and wholly black bill. *C. p. exigua* is probably the smallest and palest known form of ground dove of the *passerina* group. Ten adult males of *C. p. bahamensis* average: Wing, 81; tail, 56.9; exposed culmen, 11; tarsus 15.1; middle toe 13.6 mm. Two adult males of *C. p. exigua* average: Wing, 77.7; tail, 50.7; exposed culmen, 10.7; tarsus, 14.5; middle toe, 13.5 mm. Two adult males of *C. p. perpallida* average: Wing, 81.7; tail, 55.7; culmen, 11; tarsus, 15.2; middle toe, 13.7 mm.